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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for September 4 - September 14, 2001

THE WEEK AHEAD

The House is in Recess until September 5.

- **Wen Ho Lee:** The Department expects that interagency review of the Bellows Report (a Department review of the investigation of Dr. Lee that led to his prosecution) for public release will be finalized in the next few weeks. A declassified version of the report was provided to Congress earlier this summer. FBI and DOE are completing their review of the report for redaction of privacy information so that the report also may be released to FOIA requesters and the public. (Walter)
- **Internal Deliberative Documents:** On September 13, the House Government Reform Committee is expected to hold a hearing about the Department's position that internal deliberative documents pertaining to prosecutorial decision-making should not be made available to Congress. The Attorney General will be invited to testify. (F.Burton)

THIS WEEK

- **Unauthorized Disclosure of Classified Information:** On September 5, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence will hold a hearing on a proposal to create new criminal penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of classified information, which has sparked substantial opposition from media and civil liberties groups. This proposal may be included in the Committee's markup of its intelligence authorization bill on the following day. The Attorney General is scheduled to testify. (Walter)

- **Tobacco:** Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on September 5 on the management of the tobacco litigation. They are interested in the management of the case, i.e., resource and personnel needs, questions regarding leaks of information and future funding. It has not yet been decided who will testify. (Wilson)
- **FY 2002 Intelligence Authorization Legislation:** The Senate Intelligence Committee is finalizing its annual intelligence authorization bill and is scheduled to mark it up on September 6. Provisions that are being considered include changes to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and changes to the authorities granted to agencies under the National Security Act for international terrorism as well as broadened criminal sanctions for leaks of classified information. (Walter)

LAST WEEK

- **Nominations:** The Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on August 27 on the nominations of Sharon Prost, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Terry Wooten, to be a United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. (Scott-Finan)